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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 2822  
Examiner: Toniae M. Thomas

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant	:	Kazutaka SHIBATA	)	
Serial No.	:	10/727,577	)	
Filed	:	December 5, 2003	)	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
For	:	SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME	)	
Attorney Ref.	:	AI 254D1	)	

April 10, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of January 10, 2006, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on April 10, 2006.

A fee of \$ None is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including Extension of Time fees, since Applicant hereby provisionally petition for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Director may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.